

Application No. 10/748,649
Amendment dated October 10, 2007
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Remarks

Claims 1-17 and 22-28 remain pending in the application. Claims 1, 3-17 and 22-28 stand rejected and claim 2 is withdrawn from consideration.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111, reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3-17 and 22-28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated and thus unpatentable over U.S. 6,887,348 to Hermans. As previously argued, while Hermans et al. teaches the application of polysiloxane to a web, such as by spraying or printing, Hermans et al. does not disclose a product comprising a web of cellulosic fibers having a plurality of chemical additive filaments on one or both sides of the web as claimed. It is asserted that the method of application of the chemical additive (extrusion) does not structurally differentiate the claimed product over Hermans et al. However, Applicants disagree for two reasons. First, the claimed products recite the presence of "filaments", which clearly is structure. Hermans et al. does not disclose the presence of polysiloxane filaments. It will be appreciated that printing or spraying do not produce filaments on the tissue sheet. Furthermore, it is Applicants' position that the fact that the filaments are described as being "extruded" or "melt blown" (claim 28) does further define the structure of the filaments. Those skilled in the art will appreciate that extrusion processes, such as meltblowing processes, inherently produce a known fiber structure. While the extruded or meltblown fiber may change shape before it solidifies, there nevertheless is a unique structure remaining on the tissue sheet that is different than deposits that are sprayed or printed onto the surface of the sheet. Therefore Hermans et al. does not anticipate the subject matter of Applicants' claims.

For the reasons stated above, it is believed that all of the claims are allowable over the cited art and reconsideration of the anticipation rejection is respectfully requested.

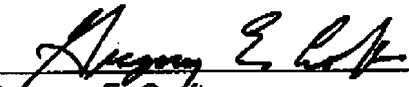
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